

Data Importer

Abstract

This invention facilitates the importation of data from external systems. In particular, the importation of data from XML files is employed. In a first aspect, the invention concerns a method for importing data, in a second aspect the invention concerns a computer system for importing data, and in a further aspect the invention relates to a computer program. The invention involves specifying an XML file to be imported, uploading the specified XML file, and parsing the file to provide programmatic access to the structure and content of the data being imported. For instance, a parsing servlet creates a series of values for graphically representing the structure of the data. The data and metadata values may then be stored in tables and made available to data-driven applications.